



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

Don Howarth  
Stacey Kern  
Robert Kern  
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RE: MUR 5454

Dear Mr. Howarth, Ms. Kern, and Mr. Kern:

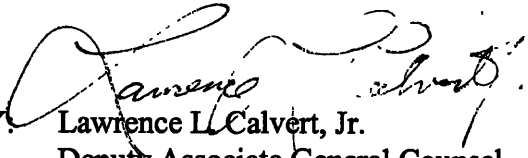
On June 1, 2004, the Federal Election Commission notified you of the complaint in MUR 5454, which alleged violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On September 30, 2004, the Commission determined, on the basis of information in the complaint and information provided by you, to dismiss the complaint as it pertains to Howarth & Smith, Stacey Kern, and Robert Kern.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact Brant Levine, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1572.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel

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